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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS SUMMARY - AUGUST 12.

1. HIGHLIGHTS OF SOVIET PRESS:

-- KZ CARRIES A COMMENTARY ON CIVIL DEFENSE DENYING CHARGES THAT SOVIET SPENDING IS HIGHER THAN THAT OF THE U.S. OTHER U.S. COVERAGE IS TYPICALLY NEGATIVE;

-- REGULAR IZVESTIYA CONTRIBUTOR, A. GREGORYANTS, COMMENTS ON THE NEED TO CONTROL THE ARMS RACE, CITING WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION SUCH AS THE "NEUTRON BOMB" AND ENVIRONMENTAL WARFARE AS POTENTIAL DANGERS. HE CHARGES THAT THE MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF THE U.S. AND OTHER NATO COUNTRIES PROMOTES THE ARMS RACE. HE CONTRASTS PASSAGE BY THE SENATE OF THE U.S. DEFENSE REQUEST FOR \$113 BILLION WITH ACTION BY THE USSR COUNCIL OF MINISTERS APPROVING AND SENDING TO THE PRESIDIUM OF THE SUPREME SOVIET THE TTBT AND PNE TREATIES AND PROTOCOLS;

-- PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY IDENTICAL TASS ACCOUNTS OF BREZHNEV'S MEETING WITH BULGARIAN PARTY CHIEF ZHVIKOV IN THE CRIMEA ON AUGUST 11. COVERATIONS WERE ON 25TH CPSU CONGRESS AND 11TH BULGARIAN PARTY CONGRESS DECISIONS; SOVIET-BULGARIAN PARTY, STATE AND SOCIAL RELATIONS; HELSINKI CONFERENCE AND BERLIN MEETINGS. CONVERSATIONS TOOK PLACE IN "AN ATMOSPHERE OF CORDIALITY, UNANIMITY AND BROTHERLY MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING;"

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-- ALL MEDIA REPORT GENERAL SPINOLA'S RETURN TO PORTUGAL, WITH IZVESTIYA'S CORRESPONDENT CLAIMING THAT THE NEWS WAS "HARD TO BELIEVE." PRAVDA ALSO REPORTS THE NEW ARRESTS OF "TERRORISTS" IN PORTUGAL. IZVESTIYA REPORTS THAT KOSYGIN AND SOARES EXCHANGED TELEGRAMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER'S APPOINTMENT AS PRIME MINISTER;

-- CONTINUING THE HEAVY MEDIA BUILD-UP TO THE COLOMBO

SUMMIT, PRAVDA CARRIES A LONG COMMENTARY BY M. KAPASOV REITERATING SOVIET SUPPORT FOR THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT AND TRACING THE HISTORY OF ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST "IMPERIALISM." THE U.S. (AND DULLES) GET SLAPPED ROUTINELY, BUT THE "MAOISTS" DRAW THE SHARPEST FIRE;

-- AUGUST 12 PRAVDA AND KZ CARRY REPORTS ON CONTINUED FIGHTING IN LEBANON. KZ CITES PLO SPOKESMAN KHADDUMI ON SOVIET SUPPORT FOR PALESTINIAN REVOLUTION AND LEBANESE NATIONAL MOVEMENT;

-- KZ HAS TASS CAIRO ITEM IN ARTICLE FROM CAIRO JOURNAL "AT-TALIA" (PHONETIC) CRITICIZING EGYPT'S "NATIONAL CAPITALISM;"

-- V. VINOGRADOV IN KZ ANSWERS READER'S QUESTION ON ROLE OF SAUDI ARABIA IN MIDDLE EAST BY CITING SAUDI EFFORTS (WHICH CORRESPOND TO U.S. INTERESTS) TO USE ITS FINANCIAL LEVERAGE TO DIVERT EGYPT FROM A PROGRESSIVE COURSE, TO OPEN EGYPT TO FOREIGN CAPITAL AND TO REDUCE ITS TIES WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. KEY ROLE OF SAUDI ARABIA AND ISRAEL IN U.S. ME POLICY IS EMPHASIZED AS IS SCOPE OF U.S. ARMS ROLE TO SAUDI ARABIA;

-- PRAVDA CARRIES GROUP OF TASS PIECES RELATING TO RECENT RHODESIAN RAID INTO MOZAMBIQUE, S. AFRICAN ARTILLERY SHELLING INTO ZAMBIA, AND EXTENSION OF S. AFRICAN PREVENTIVE DETENTION LAW TO WHOLE COUNTRY. PRAVDA CARTOON PORTRAYS S. AFRICAN OCTUPUS STANGLING NAMIBIA;

-- IZVESTIYA HAS ARTICLE FROM CARACAS BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT P. GAVRIUSHENKO ON VENEZUELA'S APPRECIATION OF SOVIET TECHNICAL OIL EXPERTISE AND POLITICAL SUPPORT DURING "DIFFICULT" PROCESS OF NATIONALIZATION OF OIL INDUSTRY.

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2. ON U.S. - RELATED ITEMS, THE KZ COMMENTARY BY COLONEL A. KONYEYEV DENOUNCES A "COMMON MANEUVER BY THE OPPONENTS OF DETENTE" TO PORTRAY SOVIET EXPENDITURES IN CIVIL DEFENSE AS HIGHER THAN THOSE OF U.S. LEON GOURE IS MALEVOLENCE MANEUVERER IN THIS CASE FOR HIDING TRUE EXTENT OF U.S. OUTLAY FOR CIVILIAN DEFENSE BY COUNTING ONLY FEDERAL EXPENDITURES AND NOT THOSE OF "STATES, INDUSTRIAL CORPORATIONS, COMPANIES AND BANKS." GOURE'S OBJECT, SAYS KONYEYEV, IS TO PUT NEW OBSTACLES IN THE PATH OF PROGRESS OF SALT AND ASSIST EFFORTS TO BOOST U.S. DEFENSE EXPENDITURES;

-- PRAVDA AND KZ PUBLISH TASS STORY ON SENATOR MANSFIELD STATEMENT THAT THE U.S. SHOULD CURTAIL ITS INTERNATIONAL OBLIGATIONS, GET OFF THE ASIAN CONTINENT, AND CUT BACK ITS ARMED FORCES ON THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT;

-- R. TUCHNIN, IZVESTIYA SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MEXICO,  
WRITES A LONG, NASTY PIECE ABOUT PROBLEM OF ILLEGAL MEXICAN IMMIGRANTS IN U.S. EMPHASIS IS ON U.S. CYCLE OF OFFICIALLY CLOSING EYES TO IMMIGRATION WHEN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS REQUIRE INFUX OF CHEAP, EXPLOITABLE LABOR, FOLLOWED BY STRICT AND CRUEL APPLICATION OF IMMIGRATION LAWS WHEN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS WORSEN. ARTICLE CONCLUDES BY LINKING U.S. EFFORTS TO CONTROL THIS IMMIGRATION TO VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTERNATIONAL LABOR AGREEMENTS.

-- LONG NEGATIVE STORY IN IZVESTIYA DETAILS THE HORRORS OF THE POOR IN NEW YORK CITY WITH APPROPRIATE PHOTOS OF STREET SCENES TO HEIGHTEN EFFECT.  
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